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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant: WILLIAM D. SUVAL**

**Art Unit: 3731**

**Serial No.: 09/905,735**

**Filed: July 12, 2001**

**Examiner: Paul A. Roberts**

**Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) Applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated October 21, 2003, or until March 21, 2004.

Enclosed is a check for \$210.00 to pay the two-month extension fee in accordance with Rule 1.17(a)(2).

The Commissioner of Patents is authorized to charge any amount due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0639. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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